#### What's up

MERICAN RED CROSS: will hold a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Veterinary Medicine Complex and at Harrington Tower.

GGIE ALLIANCE: will hold a Christmas party at 7:30 p.m. in 105 G. Rollie White Coliseum.

PASO HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 108

TRAMURAL RECREATIONAL SPORTS: entries close for outdoor soccer at 6 p.m. in 159 Read.

ESLEY FOUNDATION: will offer a defensive-driving course at 6 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation.

IRCLE K: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 402 Rudder. OLLEGIATE FFA: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 208 Scoates.

Wednesday GGIE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

EXAS STUDENT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: will have a student-faculty Christmas party at 3 p.m. in the lounge of Harrington Tower.

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AMU POLO CLUB: will hold a mandatory meeting at 7

p.m. in 407 A-B Rudder. UROPE CLUB: will meet at 9 p.m. at the Flying Tomato. IG EVENT: will have a mixer with the Traditions Committee at 7 p.m. in the party room of Plantation Oaks Apart-

SC LITERARY ARTS: now is accepting submissions for "Litmus." Call 845-1515 for more information.

ARENTS' WEEKEND COMMITTEE: applications for nominating 1987-88 Parents of the Year are available in the Commons, the Sterling C. Evans Library, the Memorial Student Center and the Pavilion.

ems for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three working days prior to desired publication date.

### Cadets get tryout of dining system as Duncan closes

By Bob Grube Staff Writer

The eating arrangements for the Corps of Cadets have changed a little but after a one-week trial run, evening chow seems to be running smoothly again.

Because Duncan Dining Hall is being closed for about a year for renovations, the Corps is eating its meals in the Commons and Sbisa

While the extra marching time is an inconvenience for the cadets who eat in Sbisa, most don't seem to

Dr. Malon Southerland, assistant vice president for student services and interim commandant of the Corps, says he couldn't have asked for the situation at the dining halls to

work out any better.

"It went as well last week as we could've possibly hoped for," Southerland says. "The quality of cooperation between Food Services, the student body and the Corps has been outstanding.

Col. Fred Dollar, director of Food Services, was out of town Monday and was unavailable for comment.

Cadets seem to be enjoying the change too, except for the amount of extra time the march to Sbisa adds

David Williams, regiment recruiting officer for the Navy Marine Regiment, says he likes the change because it allows for interaction

between cadets and non-Corps stu-

'Since we've been eating at Sbisa," Williams says, "I've been able to eat with my friends from north side for the first time in four years. And the food at breakfast and evening chow is much better than Duncan's.

"But now it takes us almost an hour and a half to eat chow when it only took us about half an hour to eat at Duncan. As it is now, we don't get back to the dorms until about 7:25. Time-wise, it needs to be quick-

The cadets will not be going to chow in formation until next semester, but will continue to eat individually for the rest of the semester. They will continue eating in uniform this week only.

#### Supreme Court delays action in Texas case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Suoreme Court on Monday ordered Texas authorities to let seven people remain free until it decides whether to act on a contempt appeal stem-ming from their refusal to stand when a judge entered a courtroom.

The justices could act soon, perhaps next week, on the formal appeal by the seven who contend the contempt citations against them violated religious freedom.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals last June ruled that the rights of the seven people were not vio-

The state court said, "A direct re-fusal to rise upon the judge's entrance interrupts the normal pro-ceedings of the court (and) disregards the formality and seriousness of a court's function.'

The case resulted from the Port Neches municipal court appearance of Charles Krupps on charges of driving without liability insurance.

Krupps and his friends remained seated on June 13, 1985, when Judge Donald Floyd left the courtroom as court recessed for the day.

The bailiff told Krupps and the others they were required to stand when Floyd entered or left.

The next morning Floyd told the bailiff to inform Krupps and the others they would be held in contempt if they refused to rise when he entered. The judge also said they could remain outside the court until the session began and then come into the room if they chose not to

## st damage estimate drops Fort Worth gas explosion

of the blast that destroyed a er of a downtown city block.

y officials released a prelimidamage estimate of \$685,000, from the \$2 million estimate d late Sunday by authorities tained damage.

ort Worth-Tarrant County Of-Emergency Management, e figure released today "could gnificantly.

investigators may have to rethe debris from two restauat the center of the destruction leaks," he said. n the exact source of the leak ed to the gas buildup and ex-

'I don't think in the state that ates were downgraded Monday building's in they will ever find out spectors tried to pinpoint the what happened," Bostick said. No serious injuries were reported have no leaks.

from the explosion.

More than 30 other stores sus-

A more detailed report on the accident will be ready by Friday, and a Alton Bostick, coordinator of final report will be written in the next few weeks, Bostick said.

Lone Star Gas Co. spokesman Breck Harris said his company had completed its investigation of the gas lines in the area.

"They were all holding with no

Lone Star is responsible only for the gas lines running from the mains to the gas meters, Harris said.

"From the gas meters on, the lines are private property and not ours," he said. "And we now know our lines

Harris said Lone Star does not The explosion occurred at 3:30 know what caused the explosion. a.m. and destroyed five businesses.

Fire department spokesman Butch Hall said fire investigators said they were able to make enough of an inspection to be certain the explosion was triggered by gas. "There's no doubt in anyone's

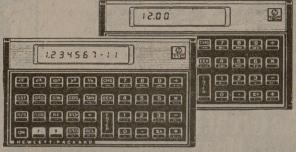
mind," Hall said. "There was very little fire, the fire

extinguished itself, there were no traces of flammable liquids or accelerants," he said.

The task of tracing blame for the explosion is up to insurance investigators unless they ask for assistance from the fire department, Hall said.

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# warfism doesn't worry woman

Ragsdale, 22, of Plano, stands only 4 feet, es tall. But she doesn't let her height stand

way of her life. watched a show on television about a little e's club and I couldn't understand why they all so depressed," Ragsdale said. "They all so depressed, Ragsdale said. They ed really hostile and asked 'why me, why and I thought 'Why not you? What's so territuould rather be 4-foot-4 than 8-foot-4." gsdale, in her second year at Richland Colhas a double major in English and advertis-

ne Texas Rehabilitation Center finances all schooling, my books and tuition. All I have s make something of myself, which is bawhat we are all trying to do, isn't it?" she

gsdale says she does have one concern in n with other "small people" - gaining

the girls get to the stage where they say t-I'm fat,' but I was really getting fat. Up bout the eighth grade I was really chubby. vit doesn't sound like much to you, but I tting to where I weighed 100 pounds. I roly-poly," she said.

Ragsdale says she watches what she eats and just stays active to burn calories.

She says another concern that plagues dwarfsized people is clothing. She wears size 3 or 5 in women's clothing, but girls' clothes don't fit her. "I wear size 1 in children's shoes, which is great

because they are cheaper. The only drawback is that they don't make pumps for little girls. I don't even own a single pair of high heels," she said. She could have special shoes made by a mold,

but the mold alone cost \$500 and the first pair of shoes averages \$200.

Ragsdale has an extension on the pedals in her car, and when she goes shopping, she says she doesn't hesitate to ask someone to reach something on the shelf for her.

And she says she is not insulted by jokes about her height. "If it's funny, it is funny," she said. "No one has ever hurt my feelings or insulted me, so why should I take it as an insult

Ragsdale says her parents noticed something was wrong when she was about 9 months old.

"My parents would pick me up, and I would cry all the time because it hurt. The bones were too soft," she said. She says she did not notice her own size until she was in the second grade and everybody else kept growing.

grow a lot faster pushing on the long bones which makes them bend," she said. "The doctors really don't know why some people are affected this way. My mom didn't drink or take drugs or anything when she was pregnant.

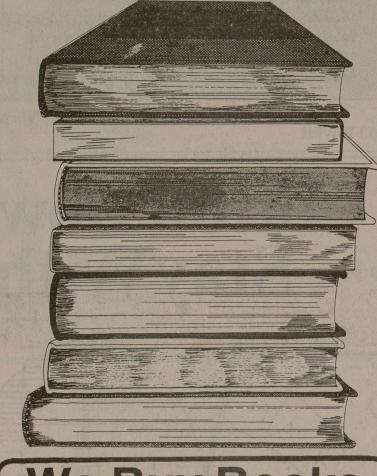
She is part of a normal-sized family. Her parents, Janie Dobbs and Sammy Ragsdale, are of normal height and her brother, Sammy Jr., stands 6-foot-5.

"I have never worried too much about my e," Ragsdale said. "My folks didn't worry too much about it. My mom has always told me to do anything and everything and I have always been involved in school, in the pep squad, the drama

She also participated in band and was secretary of the student council and president of the

"I do not feel like I have missed out on anything in high school because of my size. I had a steady (boyfriend), then I wanted to date around. No, I never missed out on anything, although my mom wished I would have," she laughed.

She says she would eventually like to marry and have a family — about four children. Dwarfism doesn't run in her family, but twins do, she



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